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Longtime teacher celebrates 40 years

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Staff Writer

Thousands of students have walked the halls of O'Gorman High School, and Mr. Jeffrey Gordon has seen many of those students in his 40 years teaching here.

Mr. Gordon grew up in Mitchell and attended a Catholic high school that closed while he was there. He found himself drawn to history in high school and college at Dakota State University and ultimately decided it was something he wanted to pursue.

"I believe it's important to do something that you find value in," said Gordon. "You're very fortunate if you can do something you feel is valuable."

He found his job at O'Gorman when an opening for a social science teacher and wrestling coach came around. Since then, he's seen many people come and go, but the faces that have stayed are important to him, especially Dr. Tom Lorang, former O'Gorman principal and Sioux Falls Catholic Schools superintendent.

Gordon finds happiness in being around a variety of students and teaching them about history and the world. He finds that being around the students through the years has been valuable to him as well.

"O'Gorman has done a great deal for me," said Gordon. "It's been an excellent experience. I appreciate the O'Gorman community and like being a part of



Jeff Gordon

it."

Gordon was so influenced by the Catholic school system that he enrolled his four children in it, and now their children - his grandchildren - are in it as well.

School continues to score highly on ACT exam

Max Stenson
Staff Writer

O'Gorman's ACT scores are consistently high, and the latest results are no exception. The national average composite score for the class of 2016 was 20.8, and O'Gorman's was 25.3.

"The rigor of our curriculum is why the school performs so well," assistant principal Joan Mahoney said. "All of the classes are considered to be college preparatory, even if it's not an AP class."

Mahoney also attributes O'Gorman's high ACT scores to the ACT prep class that is offered each year at O'Gorman. "Any prep a student can do is good. But students need to do

more than show up to the prep class," Mahoney said.

"The class of 2016 scored well above the benchmarks, and 97% of the class took the ACT," counselor Kelly Jones said. "Our ACT prep class is excellent, and kids from other schools take O'Gorman's prep class, even though other schools have their own prep classes."

Jones also said that most colleges take the ACT, and that the ACT is the more common test among O'Gorman students as opposed to the SAT.

Students also find tremendous benefit in O'Gorman's prep class. "The ACT prep class raised my composite score by five points," senior Jayden Duscher said. "It was very helpful."

Grads finding success in college

Madeline Nguyen
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O'Gorman's graduating class of 2016 has gone on to do remarkable things. A few members of this class offered the Scroll an inside look at a wide scope of post-high school options.

Dodi Makwinja, who now attends USD and plays football, explained the life of an athlete in college.

"Free-time to a collegiate athlete is a figment of imagination," said Makwinja. "Although when we do have free time, we mostly all get together and watch more football or just find a way to relax." Attending a university in state has given Makwinja the oppor-

tunity to keep in touch with other O'Gorman graduates at USD.

"Staying in-state for college was a great choice for me. Being around people I went to high school with is just a calm environment because we are entering this new chapter of life together," said Makwinja.

Melissa Sierra, a graduate who now attends Brown University in Rhode Island, gave insight on what it is like to go to an Ivy League school.

"Truthfully, I love it," said Sierra. "We all come from very diverse and unique backgrounds." Brown University gathers a wide variety of people into its system, creating an experience like no other for the students that attend.

Outside of school, Sierra participates in club tennis, the Brown Pre-Med Society, and volunteers at a clinic in Providence as a Spanish translator. Yet despite the fact that Brown is an elite school, she finds the community more supportive than competitive.

"Brown's community does not foster non-beneficial competition, but rather breeds a laid-back atmosphere," said Sierra.

Joey Marino is at the University of Minnesota in the Twin Cities.

"Being in a big city makes the experience much more enjoyable because there are endless things to do off campus," said Marino. She is majoring in Speech Language-Hearing sciences.

Records broken as students raise biggest haul ever in first day sales

Avery Starr
Staff Writer

The Knight Drive kicked off with the family feud twist to start the fundraising event. And it paid off as students brought in a record haul on the first day of reporting.

Known as the Knight Drive for only its second year, the fundraiser also has some popular awards. The dress down days and open lunches caught some people's attention. Just in the second week, many people reached the \$150 goal to earn dress down days.

There is also the trip to the ice complex for any advisory who reaches their goal of \$150 per person and 100 percent participation.

Originally taken out, the restaurant advisory challenge was added back in to provide more incentive for students.

Sophomore Lucas Kneip was part of Mr. Konz's advisory. "Strategy is very important," said Kneip.

The most sought after prize, the O'Gorman day off, was also a part of the Knight Drive.

Freshman Emily Dougherty said she wants the day off to sleep in and hang out with friends.

Trump wins election, set to become 45th president

David Berman
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On Nov. 8, Donald J. Trump won the presidential election to become America's 45th president.

At press time, he received 290 electoral votes to defeat Hillary Clinton, who received 232. The Michigan race had still not been called, although Trump did hold a small lead there. While Clinton received more popular votes, Trump was able to win key swing states such as Ohio, Wisconsin, and Pennsylvania.

Overall, it was a big night for

the Republican party, as they also maintained majority control of the House and Senate.

Trump stepped up to the podium in the early hours of Wednesday morning to deliver his victory speech to his loyal followers. After a bitter campaign filled with divisiveness he called for unity.

"Now it's time for America to bind the wounds of division- have to get together," Trump said. "To all Republicans and Democrats and independents across this nation, I say it is time for us to come together as one united people."



President-elect Donald Trump

In the coming weeks, many questions will surround the start of President-elect Trump's regime. In addition to choosing a cabinet and focusing on the

challenges that face the nation, he will have to juggle around 75 lawsuits currently open against him, including those for alleged fraud and racketeering.

In a meeting at the White House two days after the election, Trump and President Obama discussed a smooth transition of power and pledged to work together in order to accomplish it.

Obama said that he was "encouraged by the interest in President-elect Trump's wanting to work with my team around many of the issues that this great country faces."

Catholics celebrate feast day of St. Nicholas

Avery Starr
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The church recently celebrated the feast day of the saint that was to inspire the legend of Santa Claus in America, Saint Nicholas. Many people celebrate St. Nicholas as Santa in songs like “Jolly Old Saint Nicholas” and “Up on the Housetop.”

The history of Saint Nicolas starts in in Asia Minor with him being born an only child with two Christian parents. Sadly his parents both died in a plague, so young Nicholas was raised by his uncle, the Bishop of Patara.

When Nicholas heard that a father of three daughters was having trouble supporting his children and could not find them husbands because of their poverty, Saint Nicholas devised a plan.

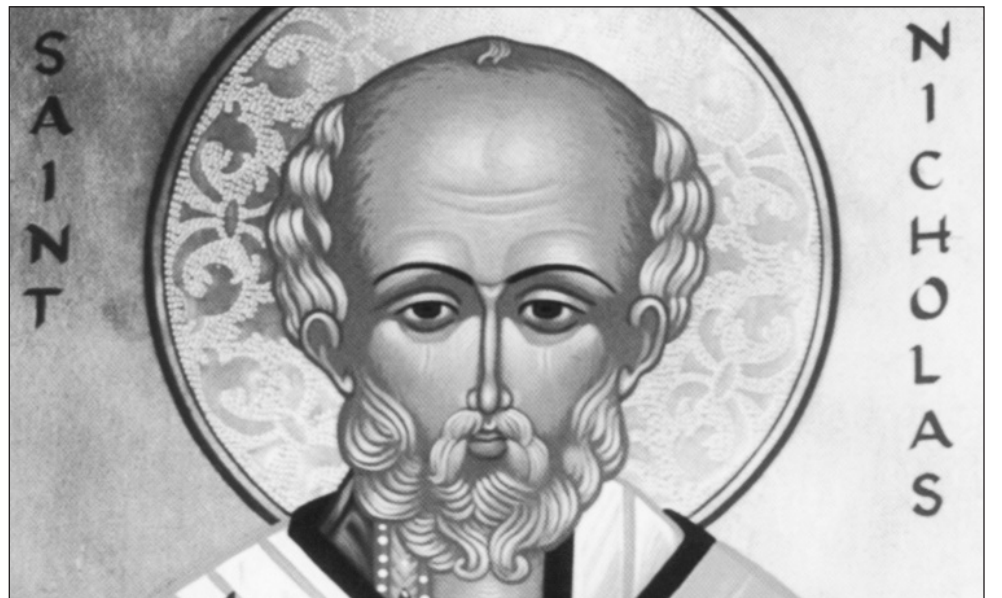
He found where they lived and left a gift of money for each daughter. With the money, all the man’s daughters found husbands.

Saint Nicholas is the most commonly drawn Saint, behind the blessed Mother Mary.

The story of a man that travels to children with gifts has taken on many personalities over the years. Here in America many know the red-clothed gift giver as Santa Claus.

According to Catholic Online, “His reputation evolved among the faithful, as was common for early Christian saints, and his legendary habit of secret gift-giving gave rise to the traditional model of Santa Claus.

St. Nicholas died almost 400 years ago.



PRESS PHOTO

Catholics celebrate the feast of St. Nicholas on Dec. 6.

Core Team strives to help others

Group promotes Catholic values throughout community

David Berman
Staff Writer

The O’Gorman Campus Ministry Core Team has been hard at work to spread faith and holiday cheer at the school and in the greater Sioux Falls community.

On Nov. 8, the team organized a group to help serve an early breakfast to people at the

Banquet. A week later on Nov. 15, they put together pro-life silent solidarity day. Students had the opportunity to don a red ribbon and spend a school day with limited talking in order to show their support for life at all stages.

Junior Abi Shaw, a member of the Core Team, expressed what she has liked about being a part of the team. “I really like how

supportive everyone on the team is of each other,” Shaw said. “It’s really cool trying to encourage others to strengthen their faith.”

Mr. Jonathan Konz, who has been the campus minister at O’Gorman for seven years, wants students to know that everybody can make a difference. “Service isn’t just about reaching out to the community,” Konz

said. “It’s also about helping and serving others in our day-to-day lives.” He also expressed how being a part of the Core Team can change the lives of its members. “The people that you surround yourself with shape who you are, and the people here will help you shape your life around God.”

In the coming weeks, the core team will be taking about

35 people to Hartford to assist at the O’Gorman Junior High eighth grade retreat. They will also be helping to check coats at Christmas at the Cathedral, and will put together our school wide service project to help those at the Bishop Dudley House during the Christmas season.

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Improv, new challenges draw students to take part in, learn about jazz band

Maria Lusardi
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On a dark Thursday morning a certain toe-tapping sound emanates from the music hallway. The jazz band is warming up.

Michael Sulaiman, a member of Jazz 1, the audition Jazz group, said, "I think it's the most expressive art form."

"Jazz presents a different challenge," said director Ben Koch.

A main difference in jazz music versus other band music is that there are parts of pieces where musicians must improvise music to fit with the harmony. It requires the musicians to be together and very tight rhythmically.

Students enjoy the history and culture behind jazz as well. It's been influenced by many different cultures including African culture

Sulaiman called it the "one true American art form."

Band students who enjoy this



MARIA LUSARDI / KNIGHT SCROLL

Students take part in jazz band. The O'Gorman jazz band will have a concert on Dec. 12.

art form are encouraged to join. Sulaiman recommends students join. And Koch agrees: "Come on in."

The group is currently preparing for the Dec. 12 concert. Jazz 1

will be playing *A Christmas Song* and *Joy to the World*. Jazz 2, the non-audition group, will be playing *You're a Mean One Mr. Grinch* and *A Jazzy Merry Christmas*.

Excitement builds for students as orchestra program takes off

Nicolette Boyum
Co-Editor

O'Gorman Orchestra is a relatively new program to the Catholic schools, and this is the first year that a full time instructor has entered the system. Jessica Perkins, with the help of Joe Khorroosi, has been working to recruit students to the new and exciting fine arts option.

Perkins and Khorroosi demonstrate to fourth, fifth, and sixth graders at every school to spring up interest in orchestra.

"We experienced great success with the demonstrations," said Perkins. "Enrollment nearly doubled from the number of students who were signed up for orchestra when the school year began."

Both Both O'Gorman Junior High and High School students perform in the orchestra.

Their first performance of the year was Nov. 4. "The performance was very successful, and I anticipate even more future success," said Perkins. "We are cur-

rently preparing for the *Electrify Your Symphony* concert."

Electrify Your Symphony is a concert devised by Mark Wood, an acclaimed violinist and Emmy-winning composer. This will be the largest concert Wood has presented. Wood's band, every middle school choir, orchestra, and band member in public school along with all of the O'Gorman orchestra will total around 3,000 performers.

"Preparations for the *Electrify Your Symphony* concert have been going very well," said Perkins. "The music is a lot of fun."

All proceeds will go toward funding the Sioux Falls School District and Sioux Falls Catholic Schools arts programs.

"The O'Gorman students are beyond excited to have this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to be a part of such a historic performance," said Perkins.

Electrify Your Symphony will take place on Dec. 17 at 7 p.m. in the Denny Sanford Premier Center.

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Enjoy candy cane cookies with family

Taylor Houston
Co-Editor

Ingredients:
1 cup unsalted butter, softened to room temperature
1 cup powdered sugar
1 large egg
1 teaspoon almond extract
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
3 cups all-purpose flour
1/2 teaspoon salt
red food coloring

Steps:
Mix together the butter and sugar in a bowl. Then, mix in the egg, vanilla, and almond. Mix in the flour and salt until no more visible flour remains.

Divide the dough and set one piece aside. Add red food coloring to one half of dough and work the dye into the dough.
Make smooth spheres with each color of dough, then wrap in plastic and refrigerate for at least an hour. This will make the dough easier to work with.
When ready to bake the cookies, preheat the oven to 375°F. Put wax sheets under each pan.
Remove both pieces of dough from the fridge and unwrap. Take a small piece of dough from each ball and roll each into a thick snake-like rope. Pinch the two ropes together at the top and gently twist them together. Put the twisted ropes to the baking

sheet and gently “hook” the top to create a candy cane shape.
Repeat with the remaining dough. If the dough starts to break as you roll it or become hard to work with, put it back in the fridge to chill for 15 minutes. When all the cookies have been shaped, chill both sheets of cookies for 15 minutes before baking — this helps the cookies hold their shape during baking.
Bake for 10 to 12 minutes, until the bottom edges and the tips of the cookies are just barely starting to turn golden. Cool for 10 minutes on the baking sheet and then transfer to cooling racks to finish cooling.



Closer look into world traditions reveals unique cultures

Taylor Houston
Co-Editor

Around the world Christmas has a different meaning to everyone, and along with that are different ways of celebrating the holiday.
Within Germany Christmas has the same meaning religiously, but the holiday is celebrated the 24th-26th of the month instead of just the 25 like it is here. Each day is broken down and different tasks are done each day.
On the 24th a family opens their gifts.

Following that they have a very simple meal to remind them of hardships. On the 25th one side of the family is visited, then on the 26th the other side of the family is visited, and on each day they have a feast.
“Usually we eat goose, deer or rabbit, with potato dumplings and cabbage, and there are a variety of Christmas cookies,” says Frau Kristin Kuchenbecker, Germany native O’Gorman teacher.
Advent season in Germany is a very large and fun celebration. There are Christmas markets all over - Berlin alone has over

80 of them. Within the advent season St. Nicholas is celebrated as well, but unlike here, St. Nick is not the same person as Santa Claus.
On New Year’s Germans have the tradition of pouring liquid lead into the snow. It instantly dries and makes shapes. Whatever shape it hardens into is suppose to be an interpretation for one’s upcoming year. This practice is called “Bleigiessen.”
Like the U.S customs and Germany, the Spanish culture also celebrates Christmas for the religious reasons.

“All the celebrations are so fun in the Spanish culture,” says junior Victor Valencia. “Especially Christmas, we have huge parties, a lot better than it is here, I think”
The whole Christmas season in the Spanish culture has feasts, parties and quality time with the family, immediate and extended.
Although celebrated differently all over the world, Christmas generally maintains its intentions to celebrate the religious reasoning behind it, the birth of Jesus.

Top Ten Christmas Movies

1. Elf
2. Home Alone 2
3. A Christmas Carol
4. Miracle on 34th Street
5. How the Grinch Stole Christmas
6. National Lampoon’s Christmas Vacation
7. Rudolph The Red-Nosed Reindeer
8. The Polar Express
- 9.A Charlie Brown Christmas
10. It’s a Wonderful Life

How-to: Get in holiday spirit by making paper snowflakes

Max Stenson
Staff Writer

Christmas crafts are one of the greatest traditions around the holidays, and there is no better way to get into the winter spirit than by creating paper snowflakes.
The following step-by-step tutorial comes from origamiway.com.

- Step 1: Start with a square piece of paper, but if you only have regular 8.5 x 11 inch paper, follow these instructions to make a square sheet.
- Step 2: Fold the one corner to the other to form a triangle.
- Step 3: Fold the triangle in half.
- Step 4: Roll up the left and right corners until the sides are even, then flatten. You’re basically folding the triangle into thirds. Make sure to keep the top of the triangle sharp and pointy.



- Step 5: Turn the paper over to see a triangle.
- Step 6: Cut at across the bottom of the triangle.
- Step 7: Now snip and cut away at the triangle any way you like. When you’re done, slowly unfold the paper to reveal your masterpiece.



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Bowlers prepare for new season

Maria Lusardi
Staff Writer

It's a packed Thursday afternoon at Empire Bowl as the O'Gorman Bowling team warms up.

There almost wouldn't have been a bowling team this year if last year's assistant coach Cory LeGrand hadn't stepped up to coach this year. He is joined by father-in-law Steve Ellerbroek. The team practices Mondays and Thursdays after school for two

hours.

"It's a sport where people think it's an easy sport, but kids get out here and find it's not so easy," said LeGrand.

There are four teams, boys and girls varsity and boys and girls junior varsity. They compete on Fridays at 4:00 p.m. from Nov. 1 through Feb. 24. The group welcomes students of all skill levels and playing experience.

"It's challenging. Not everyone can do it, and it's a real men-

tal game," said Madison LeGrand, captain of the girls varsity team and daughter of the coach.

The first competition on Nov. 18 was cancelled due to snow, but the bowlers are optimistic for a good season.

"Interacting with other people makes you humble if you're not doing well," said Sam Lindberg, boys varsity bowler.

"We should do pretty well this year," said M. LeGrand.

Basketball teams prep for upcoming seasons as new leaders emerge

Carter Edman
Co-Editor

The Lady Knights basketball team is expecting to make waves this year. They are filled with five seniors, three of which have had varsity minutes in the past.

"We are excited to get another season of Lady Knights girls basketball started," said head coach Kent Kolsrud. "We have a great group of girls that are excited, hard workers, and will represent O'Gorman girls basketball proudly."

The Lady Knights lost five seniors but believe that they have enough underclassmen to fill up many key roles.

"We want to continue to develop as a basketball team throughout the course of the season and be playing our best basketball at tournament time. I think this group will be extremely competitive and a lot of fun to watch play. They have

high goals and will hold each other accountable to being the best team we can become," said Kolsrud.

The O'Gorman Boys basketball team is looking to avenge last season's finish.

The team lost nine seniors, three of which are now involved in playing collegiate athletics. Ben Lauer is playing basketball at Minnesota State Moorhead, Logan Harmelink is playing basketball at Concordia University in St. Paul and Luke Fritsch is playing football at Augustana University.

This year's team includes six seniors that look to make a state championship run. Two of the seniors have already committed to playing college basketball. Matt Cartwright will be playing at Augustana and other seniors are still making decisions on where to play.

Many juniors will also get some varsity minutes and hope to make an impact on the court.

Lady Knights finish season with close loss to Harrisburg

Taylor Houston
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After a well-played game against Harrisburg, the Lady Knights fell in the fifth set by a score of 15-12. The loss ended the season for the Lady Knights.

Tensions were high when Harrisburg was up 2-0 after the first two sets, but the Lady Knights stormed back to tie the match at 2-2.

"I think people assume that we will roll over and quit. What they forget is that O'Gorman volleyball players never quit - we will fight hard and leave it all on the floor no matter who we are playing," said head coach Julie Kolbeck.

Senior Rilie Curd said that being on the volleyball team became one of her best high school experiences. She gives this advice for her team: "If I could say one thing to my team this year it would be that I hope they are proud of themselves. I also hope they learned to stand up for themselves, be confident and fight for each other."

Seniors end careers against Washington Poppinga happy with ability of team to embrace change

Nicolette Boyum
Co-Editor

The Knights closed the 2016 season with a 24-14 semi-final loss to the eventual state champion Washington Warriors. Their previous game earned them their first shutout with a 38-0 win over the Aberdeen Central Golden Eagles to advance to the semi-final matchup.

As Jayson Poppinga wraps up on his first year as O'Gorman head coach, he praises the team's ability to conform to new changes. "The seniors had a sense of pride in what they accomplished," said Poppinga. "And the underclassmen can build off of this senior class's success during the 2016 season having to learn a new of-

fense and defense and coaching staff."

Against Aberdeen Central, O'Gorman welcomed the return of quarterback Hunter Thompson who suffered a knee injury earlier in the season. He missed the regular season finale loss against the Lincoln Patriots.

The Knights started off strong with a seven point lead at two minutes into the first playoff game with a touchdown from Canyon Bauer.

By the end of the matchup, Thompson was 13 for 19 for 187 yards and Sam Burnison carried the ball 12 times for 86 yards and four touchdowns. O'Gorman held the Golden Eagles to only 120 total yards.

In the semi-final game,

the Knights' opening drive resulted in an early seven point lead over the Warriors. O'Gorman quickly regained possession and found themselves in Washington territory. Then, a fumble with a recovery from Washington shifted the momentum in the game. The Warriors would go on to score 24 unanswered points up until the last O'Gorman drive of the game.

Nick Billion had six catches for 107 yards and Thompson 13 of 21 for 167 yards.

"Our team played some of our best football of the season during the playoffs," said Poppinga. "We don't focus on the past, only learn from our mistakes and work to improve."

Knights face tough foes as wrestlers begin season

Carter Edman
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The O'Gorman Knight wrestlers are hoping to find success on the mat this year. The team has several talented multi-sport athletes who have little experience but could pull out some upsets.

The seniors are Alip Alifu, Isaac Allen, Gerrett Berens, Adam Heap and TJ Schaefer.

"The goal for this year is to go to state and have some guys place high at state to get us some team points," said Junior Kenley Lamberty "We are hoping to qualify more guys for the tournament than last year to give us a chance".

The other Sioux Falls schools will be tough opponents. Roosevelt, the defending Class A state champions, has many key returners with plenty of experience and may make a run for a repeat this year.

There are also many underclassmen who have good chances at placing high at state. Seven juniors with many years of experience are on the Knights' squad which offers the team high hopes this year.

Children's show set to hit stage

Lauren Kouri
Staff Writer

With Christmas around the corner, the O'Gorman children's play cast kicks off the show with an original piece.

"Since we are creating the show ourselves, I have so many areas that need to come together to make this show happen," said director Scott Nelson. "Usually, I just take a script and set up a rehearsal schedule. With this type of show, I had to work with other directors to make sure to have time for them to rehearse vocals and make stage time for the choreography."

This year's cast consists of almost 50 students.

"This cast has been a blessing. They all made it in after auditions. It is my Christmas present to them. They are so enthusiastic about making this show come together. I wanted all of them to share their talents with the community in a play like this," said Nelson.

The cast and crew also participated in the Parade of Lights on Friday, Nov. 25. The Parade of Lights was a "great way for them to participate with the Christmas message that they are promoting," said Nelson.

"Because of the size of the cast and the variety in scenes, sets, and songs, costuming and set design will be working overtime. Costume changes from one number to the next will be extremely quick for some of the actors. Usually, in a children's play, the actors can have only one costume. Many of the actors will average five costumes. As for the set, the stage will change with each number," said Nelson.

Admission price is \$6 for adults, \$5 for high school students, and \$4 for children K-8. The box office will open 30 minutes prior to curtain. The showtimes are Friday, Dec. 9 at 7:00pm, Saturday, Dec. 10 at 2:00pm and 7:00pm, and Sunday, Dec. 11 at 2:00pm.



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Students rehearse for the upcoming children's show. The show will debut tonight at the Tom and Penny Lorang Theatre.

New slate of movies yields mixed reviews

David Berman
Staff Writer

As the holiday season is in full swing, movie studios have begun releasing blockbuster movies to try to bring in big box office numbers.

Doctor Strange is the 14th installment in the Marvel Cinematic Universe. It follows an esteemed doctor, Stephen Strange (Benedict Cumberbatch), who suffers a career ending injury in a car crash. After modern medicine proves unable to help him, he seeks a more spiritual approach. He is shocked to discover that he is able to tap into magic to manipulate space and time, as he faces mystical threats that test him in ways that he can't begin to imagine.

Doctor Strange is a very nice detour from many of the repetitive, cookie-cutter superhero movies that we have seen a lot of recently. Replacing "super powers" with magic leads to unique action sequences and stunning visuals. With solid performances all around and an interesting plot, Doctor Strange is definitely a movie worth your time this holiday season.

If you're looking for a science-fiction movie that is less about action and special effects and more about philosophical thinking, Arrival is the movie for you. On the surface, it has a fairly simple premise: 12 alien pods land in various parts of the planet, causing a global panic. The pods remain dormant, so nobody is sure of their true intention on Earth. Linguist Louise Banks (Amy Adams) and military astrophysicist Ian Donnelly (Jeremy Renner) are recruited to translate the alien language, facing their own personal challenges and interference from world governments.

Although it might seem like a solid but generic sci fi movie plot, it actually has a deeper meaning that made me think more than any other movie that I have seen. The pieces of what is really happening are fed to the audience very subtly, until they all fit together in a very mind bending ending. Arrival is definitely a movie that I want to see again, as it features great twists and beautiful imagery.

Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them is one of the most anticipated movies of 2016. It is

a prequel to the beloved Harry Potter franchise that introduces new heroes, such as Newt Scamander (Eddie Redmayne), a magizoologist who brings a magical case filled with many mystical creatures to 1920s New York City. When some of his beasts escape, it's up to him and his friends to capture them and stop a greater threat to the wizarding world.

Since I am a lifelong Potter fan, I was very excited to see this movie. However, I came away from it feeling disappointed with what I saw. It lacked a lot of the heart of the original franchise, and I didn't feel as much empathy as I should towards the new characters. This movie also suffers in the area of world-building, as it feels way too concerned with setting up future installments than it does with making this one good. This leads to the film feeling overstuffed and confusing at times, a common characteristic of franchise films these days. That being said, it does offer some fun moments, and even though I am less pumped than before, I still am interested to see where they can go next with the story.

Popeyes offers tasty, pricey Southern food

Max Stenson
Staff Writer

Popeyes Louisiana Kitchen has opened its first franchises in Sioux Falls. One is located on East 10th Street, with a second location recently opening near the intersection of 57th Street and Louise Avenue. This review is of the East 10th Street location.

The restaurant prides itself on authentic Louisiana-style fried chicken, along with other traditional Southern favorites such as fried shrimp, red beans and rice, jambalaya and biscuits.

The cleanliness of the building was superb, with not a crumb to be seen on any table, providing for a pristine dining experience.

I ordered (dine-in) the spicy chicken tenders, red beans and rice, and biscuits. The accuracy of the order was perfect. However, the wait time was a bit excessive; I ended up waiting 15 minutes for the food to be ready. In Popeyes' defense, it was incredibly busy, but a fast-food restaurant should be able to manage long lines bet-

ter.

Regarding taste of the food, there is one word to describe it: fantastic. The spicy tenders are perfectly seasoned, and while zippy, it is not so hot that it's unpleasant to eat. Red beans and rice are somewhat of a novelty in the Midwest, so finding a place that makes it well is like finding a needle in a haystack. But Popeyes executed the taste of it brilliantly. The biscuits were baked to a moist and fluffy perfection.

The one downside to the menu is the price. It is a lot of money for a single meal (which includes an entree, a side, a biscuit, and a beverage.) Yet the portion sizes are small for the price paid.

Overall, Popeyes is a great place to eat if you are in the mood for authentic Southern cuisine. It is a clean environment, and the taste of the food is simply fantastic. Just be willing to potentially wait a while for your food, and to pay a somewhat steep price for small portions.

What is your favorite part of winter?



“Nothing”
- Michael Harvill



“Snow days - sleep all day
and cuddle with my puppies”
- Maria Johnson



“Eating tacos inside my house”
- Victor Valencia



“Building out of snow”
- Mercedes Arnett



“Teaching Mr. Anderson and
Mr. Flakus how to goose hunt”
- Mr. Poppinga

In & Out

Donald Trump	Hillary Clinton
Snow-covered Streets	Leaves on Trees
Cubs	The Curse
Christmas	Thanksgiving
Icy Roads	Safe driving
Fantastic Beasts	The Cursed Child
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Snow Pants	Short Skirts
Ice Skating	Rollerblading
Boots	Sandals
School Fundraising	Yoga pants
Christmas Shopping	Money
Another Popeyes	Pants that Fit
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Biden Memes	Harambe Memes

Students fortunate to have longtime teacher’s dedication

Forty year veteran Gordon creates environment of success for students in teaching social studies

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For 40 years one man has filled the school with knowledge...and door prizes. He has not only been a great teacher to me, but 12 years after graduation, my siblings who have had him in class still admire him for everything he taught them - both in the classroom and out. This man has been so much more than a teacher to this school, though, he has been a coach, a leader, and a friend. Who is this man you may ask? The one and only Mr. Jeff Gordon.

Mr. Gordon has worn many hats, he has not only been a teacher, but also a golf coach, quiz bowl leader, department chair, summer school teacher, freshman football coach, and a 30-year wrestling coach.

Anyone who has had Mr. Gordon in class can easily say he is very knowledgeable in



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all the coursework he teaches. He not only knows the information beyond what a textbook says, but he is passionate about what he teaches. His dedication and passion personally has made me want to become a history teacher as well.

Without knowing it, Mr. Gordon is making history interesting for everyone, despite the information being taught. He personally has really helped me

grow in my love for history, and because of it he has become one of my role-models.

Before having him as a teacher, I knew him primarily as my brother’s coach for wrestling and football. I really don’t remember much, just that my brother looked up to him, as well as the rest of the team.

Mr. Gordon was not a coach for so long because of his expertise in the sport, but because he taught the student athletes so much more. He taught them sportsmanship, integrity, and belief in themselves, despite their opponent, or whatever they had to face. My brother says the one thing he remembers most is that Mr. Gordon looked out for everyone on and off the field or mat.

He cares more about the people in his room than the grade they are getting. And personally because of it, it makes me want to do better.

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